

WORLD OF RADIO #1146, produced September 4, 2002 by Glenn Hauser

*Standard disclaimer

*RFPI, Costa Rica about to celebrate first sesquidecade on the air; hope to have exact date and time of annual Fiesta on the Air next week; new frequency schedule 2200-0600 15040, 0200-0800 7445

*WJIE running World of Radio weekdays 1200 on 7490, but missing lately [back September 5]

*VOA Director Robert Reilly resigned, replaced by ex-foreign correspondent David Jackson; dispute over closing foreign bureaux may have led to change; agency was in turmoil

*Grass fire in WWCR antenna field on Labor Day quickly controlled, but all four transmitters off for two hours

*Lots of special programming for first anniversary of 9/11; no great detail here, but see Monitoring Reminders calendar at WOR website

*Charlie Puckett of Kentucky State Militia Radio sentenced to 30 months in prison on weapons charges

*William 'Rabbit Ears' Flippo, Florida, received 15 month sentence, huge fine, for deliberate interference to hams; not enough?

*KKSU, 580, Manhattan, KS, only noncommercial AM station around here, agrees to close down in 3-months in settlement with WIBW, with which it had been sharing time; hope KSU will put a new public radio station on FM to replace it

*KXMS, Fine Arts Radio International, Joplin MO, announces it will cease streaming before end of September due to royalties issue, replacing with some ondemand material; until then try to hear i.a. PDQ Bach series, Saturdays 1600 UT; <http://www.kxms.org>

*RTE Ireland special sports finals, Sept 8 hurling, Sept 22 football 1430-1630 from 5 sites: 13730, 15500, 17885, 21645, 15275

*Brain of Britain back for new series on BBC Radio 4, and soon also on World Service

*Sunday Sept 15 is another Heritage Open Day, with tours possible of BBC Monitoring, Caversham Park, Reading; pre-book ticket by phone 0118 948 6448 or see

http://www.heritageopendays.org/ed/berkshire/all_properties.shtml

*Scandinavian Weekend Radio monthly broadcast Sept 6-7, 2100 UT for 24 hours; details at <http://www.swradio.net>

*YLE Radio Finland confirmed phasing out English, French, German; weekend English hours already canceled? Off by Octoberend; until then archive highlights with familiar voices, including Eddy Hawkins?

*EDXC Conference Report with illustrations, links at <http://www.dxing.info/articles/edxc2002.dx>

*R. Sweden heard on 4 frequencies with only 3 transmitters; spur or what? Mixing with Poland; see DXLD 2-135, 2-136, 2-137, 2-138

*New leadership of R. Polonia decides to keep own SW transmitter site going thru winter, not relays abroad; and may reduce output

*Russian Foreign Ministry and Interfax launching interactive website

on policy from October; http://www.interfax.ru/press_mid_newv_en.html

*V. of Russia SW schedule revised Sept. 1; English to North and South America, Europe

*The media magazine you monitor with your mind, WOR 1146; your input always welcome to wghauser@hotmail.com or P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702; USA; fax if really necessary, 1-580-233-2948 attn Hauser; <http://www.worldofradio.com> with lots more info

*R. Prague in Spanish heard on another US Coast Guard frequency, 5696; inconceivable coincidental spurs, but instead deliberate relays

*R. Yugoslavia's future status still uncertain; might be renamed R. Serbia & Montenegro if funded, or just R. Serbia. Still on internet only, dispute with Bosnia over SW transmitters not resolved

*R. Sawa now testing new 600 kW mediumwave 981 from Cyprus, null toward Europe but DXed there

*Syrian clandestine Sawt al Watan, backed by Syrian Human Rights Committee, its material quoted on broadcast, <http://www.shrc.org> also with English translation, based in London

*DXLD 2-138 has several stories on Afghanistan, including Good Morning and Good Evening, Afghanistan; struggle over whether women should be allowed to appear on radio and TV

*R. Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek heard with 5-minute English newscast at 2325

*R. Dat, clandestine to Kazakhstan, reported to broadcast from Russia, not the West; Bigeldin Gabdullin, political refugee in US was anchor. Another report says Society for Democracy in Asia, Brussels, is behind it

*Last week's report of AIR Bangalore changing to 9450 lasted only one day; back to 9425

*Bhutan has excellent program on IT and internet, Sundays 1100 on 6035; <http://www.bbs.com.bt>

*One Tibet English frequency mentioned last week, 7185, should be 7385; heard in Denmark and Thailand: Erik Koie's recording

*Clandestine from Uzbekistan to Laos heard on 17540 at 0100-0200, mentions ``United Lao Movement for Democracy of Minnesota'', also Cambodia

*Han Hee Joo becoming new executive director of R. Korea International and relinquishes on-air duties

*Two Indonesians from Flores Island below 3 MHz identified differently by two DXers

*R. Australia specials on 9/11 and 9/12, including live 3-hour show from NYC at 1130 UT Sept 11

*R. Mozambique reports pylons stolen from transmitter site, affecting MW and SW

*V. of the People's studios and offices in Harare, Zimbabwe, destroyed by bomb August 29, but continues on air with recorded material via Madagascar; see DXLD 2-135, 2-136

*New peace station in Burundi, R. Isanganiro awaits SW frequency

*R. Bunia, Congo DR, 5066, changes hands to anti-Ugandan group

*King of Morocco consents to end state monopoly on broadcasting

*R. America, Paraguay, DXed from Australia on 7737, but frequency now changed to 7370 northwards, still 7300 southwards, nighttime hours on weekends the best chance
*R. Nacional del Paraguay inactive on 9737
*Paraguay already went to summer time UT-3 on September 1
*R. Cultural Coatan, Guatemala, 4780, reactivated after 2+ years
*R. K'ekchi, Guatemala, back on 4845 after briefer absence
*CFVP, Calgary, turned SW 6030 [not 630 as I said] back on after Hans Johnson notified them it was off
*Propagation outlook from Boulder Sept. 3; flux range 165-220-165
*World of Radio 1146 concluding; I'm Glenn Hauser ####